

EXHIBIT I



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

April 20, 2012

APP2012000377

Monty Ruiz Velasco
National Immigration Justice Center
208 A. LaSalle Street, Suite 1818
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Velasco:

Re: COW2011000997

You appealed the action of the National Records Center regarding your request for access to records pertaining to Implementation of prosecutorial discretion guidelines and directives for D.H.S., dated November 04, 2011.

Based on the information you provided, we are denying your appeal. Departmental regulations require that you demonstrate that your request warrants expedited treatment because it involves:

- (1) circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
- (2) an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity (if you are a person primarily engaged in disseminating information).

Because you have not sufficiently demonstrated that your request involves either of these factors, your request does not warrant expedited treatment. Please be advised that information provided in my judgment is not sufficient reason to process your request out of turn.

If you are dissatisfied with our action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Sincerely,

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